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Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The previous recommendations made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 134 are set out in the report of the Committee contained in document A/70/648.

2. The Fifth Committee resumed its consideration of the item at its 24th, 25th and 27th to 32nd meetings, on 29 February and 4, 10, 14, 17, 18, 21 and 24 March. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records.[1]

3. For its further consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

Strengthening property management at the United Nations Secretariat

Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening property management at the United Nations Secretariat (A/69/400)

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/69/571)

Progress in the implementation of the organizational resilience management system

Report of the Secretary-General on the progress in the implementation of the organizational resilience management system (A/70/660)

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/70/7/Add.41)

[1] A/C.5/70/SR.24, A/C.5/70/SR.25, A/C.5/70/SR.27, A/C.5/70/SR.28, A/C.5/70/SR.29, A/C.5/70/SR.30, A/C.5/70/SR.31 and A/C.5/70/SR.32.

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Managing after-service health insurance liabilities

Report of the Secretary-General on managing after-service health insurance liabilities (A/70/590)

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/70/7/Add.42)

Revised estimates relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 under sections 27, Humanitarian assistance, and 36, Staff assessment: United Nations Monitoring Mechanism

Report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 under sections 27, Humanitarian assistance, and 36, Staff assessment: United Nations Monitoring Mechanism (A/70/726 and Corr.1)

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/70/7/Add.46)

Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council

Report of the Secretary-General on thematic cluster I: special and personal envoys and special advisers of the Secretary-General: Office of the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General (A/70/348/Add.8 and Corr.1)

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/70/7/Add.47/Rev.1)

Report of the Secretary-General on thematic cluster II: sanctions monitoring teams, groups and panels: Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team pursuant to resolutions 1526 (2004) and 2253 (2015) concerning ISIL (Da'esh), Al-Qaida and the Taliban and associated individuals and entities; implementation of Security Council resolution 2231 (2015) (A/70/348/Add.9)

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/70/7/Add.44)

Strategic capital review

Report of the Secretary-General on the strategic capital review (A/70/697)

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/70/7/Add.43)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Capital/refurbishment/construction projects across the United Nations system organizations" (A/70/368) and note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments and those of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination thereon (A/70/368/Add.1)

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/70/L.31

4. At its 32nd meeting, on 24 March, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Special subjects relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017" (A/C.5/70/L.31), submitted by the Chair of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representatives of Angola, Australia, Botswana, India, South Africa and Switzerland.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/70/L.31 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Special subjects relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017

The General Assembly,

I
Strengthening property management at the United Nations Secretariat

Recalling its decision 69/553 A of 29 December 2014,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on strengthening property management at the United Nations Secretariat[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[1]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[2]

II
Progress in the implementation of the organizational resilience management system

Recalling section II of its resolution 64/260 of 29 March 2010, section I of its resolution 66/247 of 24 December 2011, sections II and IV of its resolution 67/254 A of 12 April 2013 and section III of its resolution 68/247 B of 9 April 2014,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on progress in the implementation of the organizational resilience management system[3] and the related report of the Advisory Committee,[4]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[3]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;[4]

3. *Emphasizes* the importance of the organizational resilience management system in managing operational risks to the United Nations under an all-hazards approach;

4. *Welcomes* the progress achieved so far in the implementation of the organizational resilience management system, and looks forward to receiving information on the next phases of implementation;

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[1] A/69/400.
[2] A/69/571.
[3] A/70/660.
[4] A/70/7/Add.41.

5. *Reiterates* paragraph 4 of section III of its resolution 68/247 B, in which it underlined the importance of the full implementation of the organizational resilience management system in the offices away from Headquarters, regional commissions, field missions of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and the Department of Political Affairs of the Secretariat and the participating specialized agencies, funds and programmes of the United Nations system in the next step of its implementation;

6. *Emphasizes* the importance of a holistic approach to emergency management across the United Nations system, welcomes the development of a template for crisis management that includes crisis response checklists and procedures adaptable to the local context of all entities and involves the host country for adequate coordination and planning;

7. *Recalls* paragraph 16 of the report of the Advisory Committee,[4] and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to continue to identify a detailed accounting of the actual cost of the organizational resilience management system initiative and provide updated information in the context of his next report;

8. *Notes* the efforts of the Secretary-General with respect to the consideration of means of risk mitigation, including the insurance market and self-insurance mechanisms, and encourages him to continue those efforts with a view to securing adequate coverage at a reasonable cost for all United Nations installations and premises exposed to natural hazards and emergencies and to report thereon in his next progress report;

9. *Also notes* the status of the implementation of recommendations emanating from the after-action review of Storm Sandy;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, no later than the first part of its resumed seventy-third session, a progress report on the implementation of the organizational resilience management system, including information on the steps taken to expand the system to include offices away from Headquarters, regional commissions, field missions of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and the Department of Political Affairs and the participating specialized agencies, funds and programmes of the United Nations system;

III
Managing after-service health insurance liabilities

Recalling its resolution 58/249 A of 23 December 2003, section III of its resolution 60/255 of 8 May 2006, its resolution 61/264 of 4 April 2007, its resolution 64/241 and section XI of its resolution 64/245 of 24 December 2009, section IV of its resolution 65/259 of 24 December 2010, its resolution 68/244 of 27 December 2013 and its resolution 69/113 of 10 December 2014,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on managing after-service health insurance liabilities[5] and the related report of the Advisory Committee,[6]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[5]

[5] A/70/7/Add.42.
[6] A/70/590.

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;[6]

IV

Revised estimates relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 under sections 27, Humanitarian assistance, and 36, Staff assessment: United Nations Monitoring Mechanism

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on revised estimates relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 under sections 27, Humanitarian assistance, and 36, Staff assessment: United Nations Monitoring Mechanism,[7] and the related report of the Advisory Committee,[8]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[7]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;[8]

3. *Approves* the additional resources in the amount of $4,323,600 (net of staff assessment);

4. *Also approves* the appropriation of $4,323,600 (net of staff assessment) under section 27, Humanitarian assistance, of the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017, which would represent a charge against the contingency fund;

5. *Further approves* the amount of $341,300 under section 36, Staff assessment, of the programme budget 2016-2017, to be offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment;

V

Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council

Recalling section IV of its resolution 69/262 of 29 December 2014, section II of its resolution 69/274 B of 25 June 2015 and section XX of its resolution 70/248 of 23 December 2015,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council concerning the Office of the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General,[9] and the Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team pursuant to Security Council resolutions 1526 (2004) and 2253 (2015) concerning ISIL (Da'esh), Al-Qaida and the Taliban and associated individuals and entities: implementation of Security Council resolution 2231 (2015),[10] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee,[11]

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General;[9,10]

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[7] A/70/726 and Corr.1.
[8] A/70/7/Add.46.
[9] A/70/348/Add.8 and Corr.1.
[10] A/70/348/Add.9.
[11] A/70/7/Add.44 and Add.47/Rev.1.

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the reports of the Advisory Committee,[11] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. *Recalls* its commitment in resolution 70/248 to consider the review of the arrangements on the funding and backstopping of the special political missions and the recommendations of the Advisory Committee, notes that no decision was reached at the first part of the resumed seventieth session of the General Assembly, and expresses its commitment to consider this matter, with a view to making a decision, without prejudging the outcome, no later than the main part of the seventy-first session of the Assembly;

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4. *Notes* that there are multiple United Nations entities involved in addressing conflict prevention and mediation in the region, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to bring about synergies and efficiencies;

5. *Recognizes* the important role played by the regional and subregional actors in conflict prevention and mediation, and requests the Secretary-General to continue the partnership, cooperation, coordination and support of the United Nations with those actors, in accordance with the relevant mandates;

6. *Welcomes* the efforts and initiatives of the African Union and the East African Community, including the designation of mediators and facilitators to address the political challenges in Burundi;

7. *Recalls* paragraph 17 of the report of the Advisory Committee,[12] emphasizes the importance of continued use of the support services and facilities offered by the Regional Service Centre in Entebbe, Uganda, and requests the Secretary-General to report on whether further functions could be performed in the Centre in his next report to the General Assembly;

8. *Also recalls* paragraph 20 of the report of the Advisory Committee,[12] and requests the Secretary-General to continue to use existing in-house capacities available in the United Nations and in the region and subregion, as appropriate;

9. *Stresses* that it is important that the United Nations and its staff implement the given mandate by strictly adhering to the principles of impartiality and observe the highest level of professionalism;

10. *Decides* to establish for the year 2016 the 33 positions under cluster I listed in the annex to the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to keep the structure of the Office under review;

11. *Recalls* paragraph 22 of the report of the Advisory Committee,[12] and decides to reduce the allocation for official travel for the Office of the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Conflict Prevention, including in Burundi, by 10 per cent;

[12] A/70/7/Add.47/Rev.1.

12. *Approves* the amount of $7,763,700 net ($8,171,500 gross) for the Office of the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2016;

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13. *Decides* to apply in 2016 a 40 per cent vacancy rate for the Professional positions and a 50 per cent vacancy rate for the General Service positions established to support the implementation of Security Council resolution 2231 (2015);

14. *Approves* additional resources in the total amount of $3,176,400 net ($3,421,100 gross), for:

(a) The Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team ($1,885,200 net ($1,998,000 gross));

(b) The implementation of Security Council resolution 2231 (2015) ($1,291,200 net ($1,423,100 gross));

15. *Also approves* a charge totalling $8,622,500 (net of staff assessment) against the provision for special political missions appropriated under section 3, Political affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017;

VI
Strategic capital review

Recalling section III of its resolution 65/259, section V of its resolution 68/247 B, section VII of its resolution 69/262 and section II of its resolution 69/274 A of 2 April 2015,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the strategic capital review[13] and the related report of the Advisory Committee,[14]

Having also considered the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on capital/refurbishment/construction projects across the United Nations system organizations[15] and the comments of the Secretary-General and those of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination thereon,[16]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the strategic capital review;[13]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;[14]

3. *Encourages* the Secretary-General, in executing the strategic capital review, to continue his efforts to incorporate best practices and lessons learned from the implementation of capital projects, including the use of alternative funding

[13] A/70/697.
[14] A/70/7/Add.43.
[15] A/70/368.
[16] A/70/368/Add.1.

arrangements as well as voluntary contributions, and to report thereon in his future reports;

4. *Emphasizes* the central role of coordination and oversight by the Office of Central Support Services of the Department of Management during the pre-planning phase of construction and renovation projects, and requests the Secretary-General to reflect this dimension in existing and upcoming projects.

Annex

Positions established for the year 2016 under section V, thematic cluster I: special and personal envoys and special advisers of the Secretary-General: Office of the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General

Office of the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General

1	USG	Special Adviser to the Secretary-General	
1	P-5	Special Assistant	
1	P-5	Senior Political Affairs Officer	New York
1	P-4	Political Affairs Officer	
1	GS (OL)	Personal Assistant	

Mediation Support Team

1	P-5	Senior Political Affairs Officer	Nairobi
1	P-4	Political Affairs Officer	

Office of the Head of Office

1	D-2	Head of Office	
1	P-4	Public Information Officer	Burundi
2	NPO	Media Officers	
1	FS	Administrative Assistant	

Dialogue Support Unit

1	D-1	Principal Political Affairs Officer	
1	P-5	Senior Information Analyst	
1	P-5	Senior Political Affairs Officer	
1	P-4	Political Affairs Officer	Burundi
1	P-3	Political Affairs Officer	
1	D-1	Principal Security Sector Reform Officer	
1	P-4	Rule of Law Officer	

Mission Support Unit

1	P-5	Chief of Mission Support	Burundi
1	P-3	Logistics Officer	
1	FS	Facilities Management Assistant	
1	FS	Administrative Officer	
1	FS	Information Systems Officer	
1	LL	Administrative Assistant	
1	LL	Supply/Logistics Assistant	
3	LL	Drivers	

Staff Security and Safety Unit

1	P-4	Chief Security Officer	Burundi
3	FS	Security Officers	

Abbreviations: USG, Under-Secretary-General; D, Director; P, Professional; FS, Field Service; GS (OL), General Service (Other level); LL, Local level; NPO, National Professional Officer.